



# CCM 2014 Testimony

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## ***PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE***

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

### **HB 5139 "An Act Concerning The Use Of State Funds For The Installation Of Solar Panels On Prime Farmland"**

**CCM asks the committee to amend HB 5139** to include language that would provide additional consideration to proposed photovoltaic energy systems that would be built on identified and remediated brownfield sites. This would provide further incentives to develop solar installations on brownfield sites, would encourage the redevelopment of these sites, putting them back on municipal tax rolls and helping to preserve open space.

CCM urges the Committee to **amend HB 5139** to encourage the redevelopment of brownfields and the preservation of open space.

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